

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SAINT TIMOTHY COMMUNITY CHURCH EXPANSION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 5, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I congratulate Saint Timothy Community Church in Gary, Indiana, as its congregation and church leaders join together to celebrate the opening of a new addition to the church, the Reverend Dr. Robert E. Lowery Ministry Center. The congregation, along with Senior Pastor Reverend Dr. Alfred Johnson, Assistant Pastor Reverend R. E. Robinson, the church staff, and the board of trustees led by President Greg Jones, will be celebrating the opening of the center with a dedication service led by Reverend Johnson on Sunday, February 8, 2015.

Saint Timothy Community Church was organized in 1926 and has continued to prosper throughout the years. With the deterioration of the existing fellowship hall, church leaders, board members, and parishioners agreed that it was time for a new addition to the church. In order to meet the needs of the growing congregation, the new Reverend Dr. Robert E. Lowery Ministry Center offers church members a variety of amenities geared toward innovative spiritual programs. The new community center houses seven classrooms, a nursery, small meeting rooms, a study area, a full service kitchen, and a banquet hall that seats up to 300 people. The center will also be used for a variety of events and will be available for use by community organizations.

The new center is dedicated to the memory of Reverend Dr. Robert E. Lowery, who ministered to Saint Timothy Community Church for 49 years. Dr. Lowery was a very well-respected and loved pastor, who earned the admiration of many citizens and community organizations throughout Northwest Indiana. His ministry was not only within the church but extended to hospitals, nursing homes, and on the streets. Dr. Lowery's remarkable contributions to Saint Timothy Community Church and to the people of Northwest Indiana and beyond are worthy of our deepest appreciation. His legacy serves as an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Saint Timothy's Community Church and its congregation as they celebrate the opening of the Reverend Dr. Robert E. Lowery Ministry Center. For their commitment to service, and for touching the lives of countless individuals, the church leaders, parishioners, and board members are worthy of the blessings that have been bestowed upon them.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNI- VERSARY OF LINCOLN COLLEGE

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 5, 2015

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the 150th anniversary of Lincoln College in Lincoln, Illinois, which is celebrating the creation of its charter on February 8th, 2015. Lincoln College is a private liberal arts college established in 1865 to fill the need for an institution of higher learning in central Illinois.

Lincoln College now has campuses in both Lincoln and Normal, Illinois. Lincoln College's mission is to uniquely empower students to realize their full potential. The College's dedicated faculty and exceptional student services produces graduates who are prepared to meet the challenges of today's 21st century economy. The students and alumni of Lincoln College truly live the school motto of "Experience Outstanding" through their academic performance, professional achievements, and commitment to improving their communities.

Over the last 150 years, Lincoln College has become an integral part of the Central Illinois higher education community. I am honored to represent an institution with such an outstanding track record in academic, sporting, and leadership achievements, and I am proud to rise today to congratulate them on their sesquicentennial celebration.

NATIONAL FILTRATION WEEK 2015 (APRIL 26–MAY 2, 2015)

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 5, 2015

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

WHEREAS, pollution and contamination prevention are at the heart of national government policy and at all levels of government in communities, businesses and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, filtration, separation and coalescing processes have been developed to meet the changing needs of all concerned parties for a cleaner and healthier environment; and

WHEREAS, the need for a healthier environment is inherent to enrich and shape our way of life and address issues across a broad spectrum of issues in everyday life; and

WHEREAS, the filtration, separations and coalescing industry consists of highly trained and skilled tech-savvy practitioners and professionals who constantly provide solutions to the industry's most critical un-met needs; and

WHEREAS, the industry offers training programs for industry R&D, product development and engineering personnel, it equally seeks to inform and provide insight, access and in-

depth training to end-users seeking an improved environment and quality control to satisfy their needs; and

WHEREAS, liquid, air and coalescing industry workers, companies and supporters across America are celebrating National Filtration Week,

Now, I encourage all suppliers and users of filtration, separation and coalescing technologies in the power generation industry to take advantage of opportunities these technologies offer.

REMEMBERING JOSEPHINE "JOSIE" BETRAS

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 5, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Josephine "Josie" Betras who passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 1, in the presence of her family at the Saint Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown, Ohio. Josie was born on January 20, 1926 to her loving parents John and Ida Zidian. As a lifelong resident of the Mahoning Valley, Josie attended East High School, and shortly after her graduation she worked alongside her father at the family's business, the John Zidian Grocery Store.

In 1951, Josie married her husband, Joseph Betras. The two were married for 48 wonderful years and as a devoted wife she supported and encouraged him to pursue his political interest. With her help Joseph built a successful law practice, served as a Mahoning County Court Judge, and a Boardman Township Trustee. Aside from being a dedicated wife Josie believed in the importance of being civically engaged. As a result she became an active member of the Mahoning County Bar Auxiliary, the Lebanese Syrian Club, and the Mahoning County Democratic Party's Central Committee. She also volunteered for the Mahoning County Board of Elections, Saint Marons Church, and Saint Marks Ladies Society in Liberty, Ohio.

Josie and Joseph committed their lives to their family and were the proud parents of two sons, Daryl and David. Her children, grandchildren, and loved ones were her favorite topic of conversation and her greatest source of pride and joy. Josie was a matriarch in our community who delighted in entertaining guests with her glorious Lebanese feasts and I will forever cherish the times we have shared over the years.

Preceded in death by her husband Joseph; parents John and Ida; brothers John, Joseph, and Charles; and her sister Freda, Josie's warm and sweet spirit will continue to live on through the many hearts and families she has touched. Josie is survived by her sons: Daryl and David; her brother Ron; her three grandchildren Joseph, Rosie, and Alexander; and a

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